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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25, 1978

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1. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT ZIONISM-AS-RACISM ISSUE AND WORLD
CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION WERE
RAISED AT U.S.-JAPAN PRE-UNGA CONSULTATION JULY 31-
AUGUST 1, EMBOFF MADE DEMARCHE REFTEL A AUGUST 15
WITH MOFA SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION DIRECTOR KONICHI. KONICHI
SAID BASED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES PRESENTATION ON
THIS QUESTION AT PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS, USG POSITION WAS
CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY JAPANESE AND THAT FULL CONSIDERATION
WAS GIVEN TO IT IN ISSUANCE OF INSTRUCTIONS TO JAPANESE
DELEGATION. KONICHI SAID THAT IF A RESOLUTION LINKING
ZIONISM TO RACISM WERE INTRODUCED AT CONFERENCE, JAPANESE
DELEGATION WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FROM TOKYO. KONICHI
ADDED THAT HE WOULD BRIEF UN BUREAU DIRGEN OKAWA AND KEEP
IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY.

2. KONICHI SAID JAPANESE DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE WOULD
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BE HEADED BY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA, SAWAKI, AND
WOULD INCLUDE THREE OFFICERS FROM GENEVA AND ONE EACH FROM
TOKYO AND NEW YORK.

3. COMMENT: AS NOTED REFTEL B, JAPANESE, WHO ABSTAINED
ON ORIGINAL RESOLUTION LINKING ZIONISM TO RACISM, FERVENTLY
HOPE THAT RESOLUTION WILL NOT BE RAISED AGAIN, FORCING YET

ANOTHER VOTE. WHILE JAPANESE MAY WORK TO PREVENT ISSUE
BEING RAISED, IF IT DOES COME TO VOTE JAPAN WOULD ONCE
AGAIN ABSTAIN AS NOTED REF B. MANSFIELD

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